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Boston rises up for Palestine

By Steve Gillis
Boston

When over 1,000 people showed up at Boston City Hall Plaza on Oct. 5 — answering the call of the Boston Coalition for Palestine to rally at the new offices of the Israeli Consulate of New England — they found the entire public mall blocked off by snowplows, metal barricades and platoons of various local and federal armed cops. So protesters occupied the adjacent park in front of Boston Stock Exchange building and took over the whole downtown intersection in solidarity with the Palestinian people's two years of world-historic resistance to the U.S.-sponsored Israeli genocide.

Speakers demanded that the Zionist war criminals in the consulate be evicted from the city and that the Boston city administration boycott, divest and sanction all business with the settler government of Israel and corporations profiting from billions of U.S. tax dollars spent on slaughtering Palestinians daily.

Thousands of workers and international tourists downtown cheered, honked and yelled "Free Palestine!" from restaurants, museums, passing cars, cabs and double-decker buses as marchers waving Palestinian flags targeted the Seaport District offices of Capital One Café, Starbucks, Boston Consulting Group and Citibank. These corporations, among others, have been funding and supplying the Israel Occupation Forces with their weapons of mass slaughter.

To join the ongoing local struggles to evict the Zionist consulate and boycott corporate profiteers of genocide, go to IG: @pymboston, @bdsboston and @bostoncoalitionforpalestine.

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Palestinian Youth Movement leads march from the Zionist consulate to offices of genocide profiteer Boston Consulting Group, Oct. 5, 2025.

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Cleveland, Oct. 4, 2025

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The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet no one has a guaranteed right to shelter, food, water, health care, education or anything else — unless they can pay for it. Wages are lower than ever, and youth are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth and trans people are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decades of gains and benefits won by hard-fought struggles by people's movements. The super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinational, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

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WORKERS WORLD editorial

The world is determined:

Free Palestine!

People all over the world are protesting Israel's attack on the Global Sumud Flotilla. Over 40 boats were attempting to reach Gaza, deliver material aid and break the siege. According to the flotilla's website, 161 of the kidnapped crew members had been released as of the morning of Oct. 6, while 301 were still "held captive" by Israel under conditions amounting to torture.

The boats had all been illegally seized in international waters by Oct. 3. Captured crew members reported being forced to drink toilet water, going for days with no food, violent threats and being treated "like monkeys." (Aljazeera.com, Oct. 5)

Yet if the Zionists thought they could push back the global movement in solidarity with Palestine, they've learned the opposite. An estimated 2 million workers in Italy, in some 100 cities, took part in a strike on Oct. 3 to protest the attack on the flotilla. Organizers estimate that 300,000 people participated in Rome, 100,000 in Milan, 50,000 in Naples and hundreds of thousands more around Italy, blocking roads and bringing transportation to a standstill.

Mass protests took place all over Europe — in Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Berlin, Dublin, Geneva, London, Madrid, Paris, and many other cities. Almost 1,000 people were willingly arrested at a demonstration in Britain in support of Palestine Action, which has been banned by the government.

Demonstrations were held in Brasilia, Brazil; Buenos Aires; Istanbul; Karachi and Peshawar, Pakistan; Kolkata, India; Mexico City; Tunis, Tunisia, as well as multiple U.S. cities.

Protesters occupy rail track to protest attack on Flotilla, Milan, Italy, Oct. 1, 2025.

Flotilla organizers say their plans are for another flotilla, this time with 1,000 boats.

The Zionist regime's attack on the flotilla was illegal. Israel has been charged with genocide in the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court, and on Sept. 16 a United Nations commission of inquiry said Israel has committed genocide. But the legal process won't end the mass slaughter in Gaza — the struggle will.

The Palestinian Resistance has shown no signs of giving up. It is the people's steadfastness — sumud in Arabic — combined with worldwide solidarity that has forced Israel back to the negotiating table with Hamas. Regardless of the outcome of this round of talks — and it is up to the Palestinian people to decide what they are willing to agree to — the determined fight in Palestine has brought about a permanent, qualitative change in the class struggle worldwide. ❐

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Responding to flotilla attack, Petro expels Israeli diplomats

By Betsey Piette

Supporters of Colombia's President Gustavo Petro rally in Ibague, Colombia, Oct. 3, 2025.

In response to Israel's illegal and brutal Oct. 1 attack on over 400 participants in the Global Sumud Flotilla sailing on more than 40 boats, Colombia's President Gustavo Petro ordered the expulsion of the entire Israeli diplomatic delegation from Colombia. The flotilla, carrying food, medicine and other aid to Gaza, was attacked in international waters. Two Colombian women, Manuela Bedoya and Luna Barreto, were part of the crew of one flotilla boat.

TRT World reported that Petro posted on X that if the reports were true, Israel's actions would constitute "a new international crime by [Prime Minister] Benjamin Netanyahu," noting Colombia's "Free Trade Agreement with Israel is immediately denounced." (Oct. 1)

Petro, who had severed diplomatic relations with Israel in May 2024, said the attack "constitutes a new international crime by Netanyahu."

On Sept. 23, Petro made Gaza the focus of his address to the United Nations General Assembly, declaring that "diplomacy has ended its role" and calling for the establishment of an international armed force to liberate Palestine. He also accused President Donald Trump of complicity in the genocide in Gaza and of exporting violence into Latin America and the Caribbean.

Before leaving New York City, Petro joined a huge protest on Sept. 25 of tens of thousands of demonstrators outside the U.N. who were denouncing the U.S./Israeli genocide in Palestine. The rally occurred as Netanyahu addressed the General Assembly to a visibly empty room.

Petro repeated his call for a global armed force — "an army for the salvation of the world" with the priority to liberate Palestinians — stating the force must be "bigger than that of the United States." He also addressed U.S. troops, urging soldiers to "disobey the orders of Trump" and to "obey the orders of humanity."

When the U.S. State Department announced it would revoke Petro's visa following the rally speech, he replied, "I don't care." Noting that revoking one's visa for denouncing genocide showed a lack of respect for international law, a later post by Petro suggested moving the U.N. headquarters out of the U.S. due to U.S. actions violating international laws. ❐

Hamas condemns Zionist attack on Sumud Flotilla

The following statement from Hamas was posted by Resistance News Network on Oct. 1, 2025.

The occupation army's interception of the Sumud Flotilla and the arrest of activists is piracy and terrorism, and will increase the anger of the world's peoples.

The interception by the zionist occupation navy of the Flotilla of Steadfastness ships in international waters, and the arrest of the accompanying activists and journalists, constitutes a treacherous assault and a crime of piracy and maritime terrorism against civilians; it adds to the sordid record of the occupation's crimes. It is a barbaric aggression that targeted international solidarity activists who were on an urgent humanitarian mission to deliver emergency aid to our besieged people in the Gaza Strip, who have been subjected to genocide and systematic starvation for two years.

We condemn in the strongest terms this barbaric aggression launched by the enemy army against the Flotilla of Steadfastness, and we affirm that the occupation navy's interception of the Sumud Flotilla is a criminal act that must be condemned by all free people of the world.

We salute the courage of the free activists and their insistence on breaking the siege on our people, and we call upon the free people of the world to organize popular events and protests condemning this crime, to express international anger and denunciation towards the occupation's aggressions, and to demand their immediate cessation.

We call on the United Nations and the international community to assume their legal and moral responsibilities in condemning the occupation and its piracy, to take urgent steps to protect the solidarity activists and their ships, and to work diligently to stop the crime of genocide and starvation imposed on our Palestinian people, and to hold the occupation leaders accountable for their continuous crimes against all humanity. ❐

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Hagan del 14 de octubre un día para recordar a George Floyd, no a Kirk

El Congreso aprobó el 19 de septiembre un proyecto de ley que declara el 14 de octubre «Día Nacional en Memoria de Charlie Kirk». La fecha de octubre es el cumpleaños de Kirk. La votación en la Cámara de Representantes fue de 310 a 58, con 95 demócratas que se unieron a los 215 republicanos para votar a favor de la resolución no vinculante. Los 58 votos en contra procedían todos de demócratas, en su mayoría miembros de los grupos parlamentarios negros e hispanos, y otros 38 demócratas votaron «presente». Otros 22 demócratas no votaron.

Sorprendentemente, el Senado votó por unanimidad a favor del proyecto de ley. Kirk, un ultraderechista, fue asesinado el 10 de septiembre durante un mitin de MAGA en una universidad de Utah. El presidente Donald Trump ordenó que las banderas ondearan a media asta en todo el país ese mismo día y hasta el 14 de septiembre en honor a su compañero supremacista blanco. Irónicamente, no se izaron banderas a media asta en recuerdo de los atentados con bomba contra iglesias en Birmingham, Alabama, que tuvieron lugar el 15 de septiembre de 1963, cuando cuatro niñas negras fueron asesinadas por el Ku Klux Klan, un acontecimiento trascendental para el movimiento por los derechos civiles.

Los multimillonarios propietarios blancos de los equipos de la Liga Nacional de Fútbol (de los EE. UU.) guardaron un minuto de silencio por Kirk antes de tocar el himno militarista y racista Star-Spangled Banner antes de los partidos. El popular presentador de televisión Jimmy Kimmel vio suspendido su programa hasta el 23 de septiembre por los ejecutivos de la ABC por su monólogo inicial en el que hizo comentarios sobre el presunto asesino de Kirk. Parece que el tan cacareado derecho a la libertad de expresión está reservado principalmente a los fieles a MAGA.

Recordando a las víctimas de la brutalidad policial

Pero esperen. El 14 de octubre es la fecha de nacimiento de otra figura muy conocida: George Floyd. Floyd murió a los 46 años el 25 de mayo de 2020, cuando fue estrangulado por un policía blanco en Minneapolis; el asesinato fue grabado con un teléfono y se difundió en las redes sociales. Este linchamiento de un hombre negro provocó un verano de protestas sin precedentes en todo el país contra la violencia policial y convirtió la causa de la lucha Black Lives Matter en un tema nacional. Nunca se olvidará que Kirk tuvo la audacia de demonizar públicamente a Floyd tras su muerte.

Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2020.

El poderoso impacto de las protestas por Floyd obligó a la administración de Joe Biden a que el Departamento de Justicia estableciera «reformas» policiales con los departamentos de policía para ayudar a que estos rindieran cuentas por sus acciones hacia las comunidades de color. Estas reformas moderadas han sido prácticamente eliminadas desde que Trump asumió el cargo.

Hacer del 14 de octubre un día de recuerdo para un supremacista blanco declarado va mucho más allá de ser una indignación. Es una bofetada a todos los logros progresistas conseguidos por los movimientos de masas para el cambio social. Esta votación del Congreso impulsada por la Casa Blanca y respaldada por la clase dominante multimillonaria es una declaración política de guerra a la clase trabajadora multinacional y multigénero.

Para contrarrestar el homenaje a alguien tan despreciable como Kirk, la izquierda estadounidense debería declarar el 14 de octubre como día nacional en memoria de George Floyd y otras víctimas conocidas de la policía y otras formas de terror neofascista. Entre estas personas se encuentran Breonna Taylor, Eric Garner, Ahmaud Arbery, Sandra Bland, Trayvon Martin, Tamir Rice, Michael Brown y muchos otros.

Y ahora, es muy probable que Trey Reed se sume trágicamente a esta lista. Reed era un joven estudiante universitario negro cuyo cuerpo fue encontrado colgado de un árbol en la Universidad Estatal de Delta, en Cleveland, Misisipi. Las autoridades intentaron inmediatamente ocultar la muerte de Reed como un suicidio, pero muchos activistas negros consideran que esta decisión es más que sospechosa. Los medios de comunicación corporativos apenas han mencionado este crimen.

Trump pretende borrar todas las instituciones que siquiera mencionan los crímenes contra la humanidad cometidos en el pasado bajo el capitalismo —y la resistencia a ellos— , incluyendo el genocidio de las naciones indígenas, la esclavitud de los pueblos africanos y la opresión de las personas trans. Honrar a Kirk tiene como objetivo desviar la atención de cualquiera de estos actos criminales que ponen de relieve la ya corrosiva imagen del imperialismo estadounidense.

El Partido Mundo Obrero hace un llamamiento al movimiento para que popularice, con palabras y hechos, el homenaje a George Floyd en el que habría sido su 52º cumpleaños y convierta ese día en un símbolo significativo de la lucha continua contra la represión racista. ☐

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